The story was set in the Middle Ages. When the meek king Duncan reigned Scotland, there was a highly regarded general named Macbeth. Macbeth was esteemed for his bravery and invincibility in wars. After returning from a victory battle against the rebel army, Macbeth with another Scottish general Banquo met three witches on their way back to Scotland. Three witches gave them a prophecy. They predicted Macbeth would become the king of Scotland and the descendants of Banquo would reign Scotland. And then, they vanished.

While they were pondering on what those witches said, king’s messenger came and told Macbeth that he was conferred the title of thane of Cawdor. This new surprised Macbeth and Banquo because it coincided with the prediction. Since then, a swelling hope of reigning Scotland had arose in Macbeth’s mind. However, Duncan did have heirs. To get the throne, Macbeth had to kill all of the heirs and Duncan. At first, Macbeth was hesitating whether to commit the murder until his wife lady Macbeth who is an ambitious, ruthless woman persuaded him that the murder was necessary.

After becoming the king of Scotland, Macbeth recalled the other part of the prophecy that the child of Banquo would become the heir of throne. So, his wife and he decided to kill them too, but the child of Banquo Macduff escaped. Afraid of losing crown, Macbeth went to seek witches’ help. Witches told him he wouldn’t be defeated by any men born by women. Unfortunately, Macduff had a Caesarean birth. The spell didn’t work on him. At last, Macduff cut off Macbeth’s head and became the king of Scotland.

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Interesting rumors about the play Macbeth

Although the accident from performance are mostly unexpected, rumors say that if someone mentions ‘’Macbeth’’ in the theatre, something bad would happen; for example, actors may get hurt in the performance or the play would just fail. As a result, actors avoid saying ‘’Macbeth’’ in the theatre. Some superstitious people may say ‘’that Scotland play’’ or ‘’Macbee’’ instead of ‘’Macbeth’’ when they want to talk about this play. The reason why unfavorable omens happened to those who mentioned ‘’Macbeth’’ in the theatre remains unknown. Gossips said that it was because Shakespeare used the wicked spell in his play, then this play was cursed by witches.



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